Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bertha (Maisch) Mohr, at 107 years of age, is being recognized today as the oldest member "2016 Centenarian of the Year," an honor bestowed on her by the South Dakota Health Care Association's Century Club and KELOLAND Television; and,

Whereas, Bertha's childhood revolved around the family farm where the value of hard work - doing chores, milking, and cooking - and love of family were instilled; and,

Whereas, Bertha and her husband, Theobald, married in 1931, raised a family and knew firsthand the difficulties of surviving the Depression, and their 45 year marriage, a testament to love and perseverance, was blessed with 4 children, 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren who bear witness to her love of home and family; and,

Whereas, Bertha embodies the spirit of independence, and following her husband's death in 1976, she supported herself in various capacities - beautician, seamstress, and cook - until her retirement in 1990 at the age of 82, and Bertha maintained her own residence until the age of 97 serving as an inspiration to all who know her; and,

Whereas, Even the way Bertha says goodbye to family, "I love you now, and I always will", clearly demonstrates her commitment and abiding love; and,

Whereas, Bertha's steadfast love of her family and the breadth of her experience through 11 decades are inspiring, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize, not only her longevity, but also the deep and abiding love Bertha (Maisch) Mohr has for her family and her community

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2016, as

BERTHA MOHR DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State